

(d) to (f) In view of objection raised by Jat Community on certain passages, of the Class XII History textbook titled *Modern India* authored by Professor Bipan Chandra, pertaining to History of Jat Community in the 18th and early 19th century, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued an advisory on 24.10.2006 to all its affiliated schools to not to teach these passages in classroom and also not to set any examination or test to evaluate the students' understanding of the contents of these passages.

Tapas Mazumdar Committee Report

1982. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the main recommendations of Tapas Mazumdar Committee Report;
- (b) whether Government have accepted the recommendations; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Tapas Mazumdar Committee has quantified the funds required for the public expenditure on education to reach the level of 6% of GDP. The Common Minimum Programme of the UPA Government pledges to raise public spending in education to at least 6% of the GDP in a phased manner.

Bill for foreign education providers

1983. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to bring forward any Bill on the foreign education providers regulation (FEPRs) during the ensuing (winter) session of Parliament;
- (b) whether Government had also referred the said Bill for ascertaining views of a Group of Ministers in July this year;
- (c) whether the Group of Ministers has finally submitted its report; and
- (d) if so, what shape Government intends to give to India's policy on foreign education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Government intend to introduce a legislative proposal at the earliest to regulate the entry and operation of foreign education institutions, with such consultations as are considered necessary.

Students opting for higher education abroad

1984. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more and more students are moving out of India to acquire higher education abroad;

(b) what is India's ranking in the quality of higher education in the world;

(c) whether it is due to the fact that the standard of education particularly technical and speciality is somewhat lower than that available abroad; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken to improve the quality of higher and technical education to advanced world class standard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No such information is being maintained, Centrally.

(b) to (d) There is no internationally accepted survey of institutes of higher education.

Admission to students from Urdu schools

1985. SHRI KAMALAKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of low pass percentage in Urdu schools, admission of students in colleges has declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, whether non-availability of books in Urdu language has been the main reason for the poor performance of Urdu students/schools; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by Government to pay special attention to Urdu schools in the country?